

COUNCIL CHAMBER

Regular Meeting

September 13, 2017

The thirty-eighth meeting of the City Council of Charleston was held this date convening at 6:10 p.m. at City Hall.

A notice of this meeting and an agenda were mailed to the news media September 6, 2017, and an amended notice was electronically mailed to media and amended agendas were posted on September 8, 2017 and are made available on the City's website.

PRESENT (12)

The Honorable John J. Tecklenburg, Mayor

Councilmember White	District 1	Councilmember Waring	District 7
Councilmember Williams	District 2	Councilmember Seekings	District 8
Councilmember Lewis - <i>absent</i>	District 3	Councilmember Shahid	District 9
Councilmember Mitchell	District 4	Councilmember Riegel – <i>arrived at 7:08 p.m.</i>	District 10
Councilmember Wagner	District 5	Councilmember Moody	District 11
Councilmember Gregorie	District 6	Councilmember Wilson	District 12

Mayor Tecklenburg called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "First, I'd like to call on Councilmember Seekings, if you all would like to join us, for an invocation and then the Pledge of Allegiance."

Councilmember Seekings opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Councilmember Gregorie then led City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much, Councilmember Seekings. We're going to have a report on our Hurricane Irma recovery efforts in a few minutes, but I do want to add how blessed we are and thankful we should be, particularly when you look at the images and reports from the Caribbean and the State of Florida. The damage and havoc that was wreaked by this storm, much more so to other areas than ourselves, I count myself blessed. I'll share with Council and others here that I called Mayor Riley yesterday to check up on him, and consistent with what Councilmember Seekings just said, he said, 'you know, John, as the law of averages have it, we have to break now for a while.' Our staff did such a remarkable job, I'll say this again in a minute, and I'll say this over and over because they really did. Unfortunately, one of the reasons for that is that we're getting pretty good practice having to do this every year. We hope to write down in the manual the to-do list that we now know well and hope we'll get a break for a few years or longer before we get another hurricane.

I'm going to invite a few folks up here to do a proclamation recognizing literacy month, Eileen Chepenik. Eileen, are you here? Eileen, please come forward, Christen Warrington-Broxton, Lucille Hefka, and Rachel Knight. They represent the Trident Literacy Association, and maybe there is someone else here that Eileen will introduce in a minute. I'm going to go ahead and read a proclamation for Literacy Month, if I may."

Mayor Tecklenburg then read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I want to thank Eileen, her husband, and the others here representing the Trident Literacy Association for all their fine work, and their partnership with the City of Charleston. As you may know, they use our facilities on the Eastside to conduct some of their fine work. With that said, could I ask Eileen to come forward and say a few words?"

Ms. Chepenik said, "Thank you so much, Mayor Tecklenburg, and thank you to all the members of City Council. Thank you again, Mayor and people in your office, for arranging for us to move our downtown location into the St. Julian Devine Community Center, which couldn't be a more perfect location for us. I know that recently I read in the newspaper that the elementary school in that area, there are 491 students, and not a single one reads at grade level. So, we're right in that neighborhood, within a mile of that school, at our location. There are a thousand adults who don't have a high school credential, and they are the parents of the children who go to this elementary school. So, our services there are really needed, and our challenge, of course, is convincing adults that they need to come back and get their GED. Another challenge is waking the world up to the importance of adult literacy as the foundation for childhood literacy. I just want to read to you, a few facts. It's a mother's reading skill that is the greatest determinant of her children's future academic success, outweighing other factors, such as neighborhood and family income. Children whose parents have low literacy levels have a 72 percent chance of being at the lowest reading levels. Children whose parents hold professional jobs hear more than 33 million words by the time they begin school compared with 10 million words for children from more disadvantaged groups.

A few months ago I went to Washington (D.C.), and I met with our Congressional representatives there over appropriating money for adult education. You know, the numbers tell one story, but I wanted them to understand, and you as well, that there are people behind those numbers. So, I had my students write letters and talk about their lives, and I want to share a few of them with you right now:

'Dear Representatives and Senators:

I dropped out of school when I was 17 because I was homeless, and eating and where I was going to sleep, became more of a fight for me than getting my diploma. I was also a teenage mom thrown to the streets by my mother. Now I'm 27, and I want to get my GED because I'm tired of feeling like a failure. I have little ones that look up to me. I want what's best for them. I need an education to survive. I want to get my GED and enter college, get a scholarship and get a good job. '

Another student:

'I dropped out of school when I was 16 because I had to help my mother and take care of my grandma who was really sick. I also could not focus in high school, which was

another problem. Now, I'm 25. I want to get my GED because I really want better for myself, and I want to find a great paying job. I want to become a merchant seaman and do better in life.'

Another student:

'I dropped out of school when I was 18 because I was working and had my first baby. Now I'm 30. I want to get my GED because I want to show my kids that no matter what you go through in life, anything is possible. My goals are to get my GED and go to college and open my own shop.'

I want to close with this one:

'I dropped out of school when I was 18 because I came to the USA, and as an immigrant struggling for immigration status, I couldn't keep studying. Now, I'm finally legal in this beautiful country, and I want to follow my American dream. Here at Trident Literacy, they're helping me pursue my goals. Now I'm 33. I want to get my GED because I want to be someone in this country and be an example for my children to learn, and I want to learn until I feel I belong to this place. My goals are to go to college, earn a degree, teach my kids no matter how old you are, we can always work hard for our dreams to become true.'

You know, we have a thousand students in the Tri-county at Trident Literacy, and we have a thousand touching stories just like this one, so thank you for your support, and please remember us in the budget when it comes around."

There was a round of applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Let's get a picture together, if you don't mind. Thanks for all you do. I appreciate it. In that same vein, I mentioned this to Council before, earlier this year, but wanted to share with you that our own summer program of student literacy was very successful at the Arthur Christopher Gym, where we had camp. We had a number of our VISTA volunteers working with the kids who were in our summer camps. Normally, there's a drop-off in the reading level of kids when they get out of school in May and when they go back in August or early September. These students, were tracked and their reading comprehension and grade level, and there was not a drop-off in their reading scores over the summer while they were involved in our programs this summer at Arthur Christopher Gym. Again, hats off to Mindy Sturm and to Laurie Yarbrough for helping manage that program along. Next summer, we plan to do even more of that. Also, I just want to call to Council's attention the memo from Mindy Sturm. This is relevant to one of the measures at Ways and Means earlier this evening about the many community organizations that our City is helping by way of the VISTA program and the wonderful, talented young men and women that we place in these various community organizations. They really do a lot of fine work.

Next, it is also National Recovery Month, and I'd like to call Cindy Bohn Coats to come forward, as well as Lee Johnson, Ed Johnson, Lee Moultrie, Lisa Mitchell, and Jason Sandoval. This month we're also recognizing treatment and recovery from substance use and abuse and how we can work to help members of our community achieve the healthiest lifestyles possible. We also have a proclamation on this. Welcome, and thanks for being with us, all of you fine folks who are welcome to help people."

Mayor Tecklenburg then read the proclamation.

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Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think we all have experienced someone that we know or in our families who's had a substance abuse disorder of one kind or another, and this is close to almost everybody I know. It's such a treatable disorder and so relevant in our country today. We've all heard of opioid addictions and how many folks have been dying in our country. I think it's over 30,000 a year from opioid abuse. That's just one aspect of many forms of abuse and addiction in our country. So, Cindy, would you like to come forward and accept this proclamation and maybe share a few words with us?"

Ms. Bohn Coats said, "Sure. Thank you so much. So, the problem with talking about, and these statistics related to substance abuse and deaths, is that they change. Literally, what I said a month ago that I thought was the 2016 numbers, I found out that the CDC released an updated version and increased it by 12,000 last month. This is what I'm going to tell you. Every eight days in America, we lose the same number of people to death from a substance abuse or use disorder that we lost on 9/11. That means that when you wake up next Monday, look back to this past week, and realize that roughly 2,991 people have died, in the past week, because of this disease. We have a lot of great organizations that operate in Charleston. We have Wake Up Carolina. They are doing an amazing job with education, prevention, and making people aware. We have the DEA Resident in Charge of Charleston, who works with any group because his goal is to not have to do any of his work related to addiction issues. We have Ed Johnson, who is the Chair of FAVOR, which is a national organization called Faces and Voices of Recovery. We have Lee Moultrie, who works with a group that's called Ben's Friends. They are dedicated to removing the stigma of substance use disorder in the restaurant industry. But, today, we've come together and said these groups do an amazing job in your community, grassroots, just getting together and saying, 'we need to do something.' What we've done now is we're going to come together and create a coalition called the Lowcountry Recovery Coalition. We're going to change those numbers in Charleston. We're going to change those numbers in our community, and you guys are going to help us because we're going to invite you to our first event. On September 28th, we're going to hold an inaugural event in Mount Pleasant at the Waterfront Park to introduce this group that says 'we don't care what you are, where you are in your journey between substance use disorder to recovery, we're not going to lose you.' That's the key. Recovery works. There are three people on this stage tonight, two of whom were in long term recovery, and one of whom represents a family in recovery. I don't think that, looking at us, you could tell who those folks are. That's the goal. So, I will be telling Ms. Maybank about the event, so she can send it to you, and we genuinely hope that you come. We also want to thank you all for every time any of these groups call. This Council and this Mayor step up and say 'we want to help you,' and we appreciate that so very much. So, thank you all, and you all have a great day."

There was a round of applause in the Chamber.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you for your fine work."

The Clerk said, "Mayor, we might want to tell the people in here that we're still working with Justice Kittredge. I've talked to him since this morning about a date that he could be here. That's why we didn't do the first CALEA presentation."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Justice Kittredge was not able to make it because of the rescheduling, so we're going to have him come at another time and recognize our City of

Charleston Police Department and the reaccreditation they got from CALEA, which was an A++ report. We'll save that for the Supreme Court Justice when he comes.

Now, we've been meeting, our City Council, almost every night by telephone to follow Hurricane Irma in terms of our preparedness for the hurricane before it got here, our response when it arrived, and now our recovery. So, to continue that kind of nightly session we've had over the last week, I'm going to make a special recognition of our City staff that worked so valiantly in all three modes, preparedness, response, and recovery, and call to the podium our Director of Emergency Management, Mark Wilbert, to give us an update of where we are right now. Mark did just a remarkable job. Mark Wilbert."

There was a round of applause in the Chamber.

Mr. Wilbert said, "Thank you, Mayor and City Council. Good evening. I just wanted to give you an update and have an update, as well, from key players as we move into the recovery phase. The recovery phase started yesterday morning. We came out of response into recovery, and I'll just go down some of the metrics here. First, let me talk a little bit about what recovery is. So, recovery is about figuring out what happened during the storm and where we go from here. There are a couple of things that have to get done during recovery, and we've already started those. In fact, we're on our second day. Damage assessments become one of the key things that we have to do, and that will drive us towards what we've got to fix, what we've got to redo, but also, ultimately, if there are going to be any FEMA declarations here. I'm going to ask Ms. (Amy) Wharton to talk about that in a minute, but that's the way the process is, and it's started already. Clean-up, you've seen all the clean-up that folks have been doing, and Laura will talk a little bit about that and any rebuilding that we have to do. Let me just tell you a little bit about where the City is today. We had a total of 111 roads closed during the event. As of tonight, we have zero roads closed due to flooding, which is a pretty remarkable accomplishment. We had many traffic signals throughout the City that weren't working. All of those are back up and working, so our transportation system is back where it needs to be tonight. Outages, just before I left the office tonight, Berkeley Electric reported that we have zero outages in the City from Berkeley Electric, and at 2:30 this afternoon, we had approximately 2,000 folks in the SCE&G area, but that's not all within the City. They only report via the County, and I'm sure that number is way down tonight as fast as they're working. Damage that we know of right now to City parks, most of that was due to that incredible storm surge that came in. So, we know that we have damage to waterfront piers, the Daniel Island, the Maritime Center, Demetre Park, as well as Waterfront Park. Things there are moving along. We had 100 calls to our citizen information line, and they continue to come in. Our garages are back to normal. We've been talking about that, and those are ramping back up and getting to where we need to be.

Just very quickly, a little sense of what happened during the storm, we did actually get that four foot storm surge, which resulted in about a ten foot tide, which is a heck of a tide to have here in Charleston. Some things that I thought were interesting, on the rain totals, we actually ended up with almost nine inches of rain two miles west, north-west of the Citadel Mall, and the second highest area actually turned out to be one mile south of Shadowmoss. We had 8.53 inches of rain. So, that rain really varied throughout the City. Downtown, we had 4.56 inches of rain, but of course downtown is where we had that four foot storm surge that came across, so it was kind of an equal opportunity annoyer this storm turned out to be. Let me just talk about winds quickly. Charleston, in downtown, we had a 61 mph wind gust recorded, and on Sullivans Island, we had 68 mph. With that, I'd like to ask Laura to talk a little bit about what her crews are doing, and then Amy will talk to you quickly about the FEMA declaration process.

Ms. Laura Cabiness said, "Thank you, and I just want to tell you we have a great group of people out there working today. We've had everybody showing up on time, showing up as soon as they could get in the office, forming up teams, and getting out there. We started out with our stormwater crews. The first thing they did Tuesday morning was hit that flooded street list and try to get around to every one of those areas to make sure that if there was standing water, that we were unplugging storm drains and drain inlets and doing what we could to get those streets free of all of that water. Actually, yesterday, I'm going to skip around a little bit, we got all of our inspectors out on the road. Those teams went out all over the City. They gave us our first eyes on what was going on out there. We were looking for where the worst damage to property and structures was, and what the debris estimates were looking like. We also had Carolina Waste out there starting to pick-up. Our contractors went ahead and started picking up waste on Tuesday, so they were giving us some feedback. Right now, we think we maybe have about half as much vegetative debris as we had during Hurricane Matthew. We really don't know what we're going to see with construction and demolition debris at this point. So far, we've been around to about 400 homes doing inspections. We found 242 homes that were affected. That means they either had water in their yard or in their garage. We have 80 with minor damage and 15 with major damage at this point. Tomorrow morning our crews are going to be going back out. We're going to be spending more time in the lower Peninsula. We finished a lot of the upper Peninsula, but we're going to be heading back to the Eastside again because we know we have some low areas in there. We also headed out to Shadowmoss, areas over in St. Andrews, and we're looking all around the waterfront edges of West Ashley, too. So, we've really been everywhere as we can get out there. I expect we'll have a lot of these damage assessments done by the end of the week.

Charleston County has activated the debris contract. Amy's going to talk about FEMA funding and whether we'll qualify or not. We don't know if we will for that, but they're going to go ahead and activate it anyway. Right now, we're still finishing our assessment to see if this is something that we can do on our own or whether we're going to need assistance. Any questions?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "I just want to thank Ms. Cabiness and her office for what they have done. I was really concerned about, before the storm hit, the amount of debris people had put on the street, and that was picked up before the storm came. The streets were clean, and I just think that from everything that you all have done from the beginning to the end, Ms. Cabiness, you all should be applauded for it. I went through several neighborhoods, and I mentioned this in my e-mail to you, I think that place over in Wespanee, you had that pump out there immediately, that one area that we are very much concerned about. So, I just think that we should be very proud of how everybody from the City, from every department, has just been wonderful, Mr. Mayor. I just wanted to put that on the record, that I really appreciate your efforts."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you,"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody followed by Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Moody said, "I want to echo Councilmember Shahid. Mark, Laura, Jim, Mayor, Chief of Police, Fire Department, Environmental Services, everybody. Everybody was stepping up, as you say, picking up before, picking up after, even Building Services. California Dreaming is in my district. They had a fire in some equipment down below, and we've got some issues there, but when I said we need to get these businesses back open, they were already

working on it, and we've already had some meetings. We'll try to get those through and hopefully expedite those things, particularly, those businesses that maybe were closed for some reason. We'll get those through the process as soon as we can, but I know people are working. The City was closed, but they were picking up garbage on Tuesday. Everybody was pulling extra weight, so thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your leadership in that effort."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Williams said, "Mayor, I just want to echo. I visited all 14 of my neighborhoods on Monday and Tuesday, and the citizens of District 2 really saw what our City does, and the performance that we put on. I'd like to go on the record with your leadership, Laura, and all the team, especially at Lake Dotterer, which you did at 1:30 a.m., having the team out there to assist with the lake. Thank you so much. You did a great job. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Amy, would you like to give us a brief update on the FEMA eligibility?"

Ms. Wharton said, "We were talking about declarations. So, we did receive a declaration for Category B, which is Emergency Protective Measures, and I was able to go online and apply for assistance today, for that category. Now, you heard they're doing damage assessments, so we can judge how much damage we have and costs because there is a threshold we have to meet, countywide, in order to get the declaration for the rest of the categories, which would be debris removal, damage to our buildings, anything like that, so that's what we're not sure of yet. We're waiting to hear about that, so we'll hopefully have a meeting with the County, with the State actually. They sent out that we'll have a meeting with them at the end of October, October 18th or 21st, something like that. That's where it will start the whole process for us to then move forward to meeting with FEMA, and all of that happens within 30 days. So, we'll have the kick-off meeting with FEMA, and then we'll start putting project worksheets together and getting all of that information to FEMA. Then they look at it, and hopefully we'll get some funding. We're just not sure yet if we're going to meet the threshold."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to give kudos to everybody else, in particular, the confidence that you, Mr. Mayor, and certainly Mark and your team, Laura and your team, and the Police Chief, Stormwater Management, and Sanitation. It's a broken record, but it's just wonderful to see your City in action like that. Saturday, I saw sanitation trucks rolling out there. While I was seated here, I got an e-mail from a Ms. Valerie Perez. She is the wife of one of our firemen. She was flooded for the third time."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "She what, flooded?"

Councilmember Waring said, "Their house got flooded for the third time. While her husband was out as one of our best responders, his family was getting flooded. One of the things that has happened, and we saw in the newspaper last week, I think because of Houston and because of the Florida event, some of our previous applications to FEMA for help are going to be put in abeyance. At least, that's the take-away I received from reading the article. Certainly, we can reach out to political allies, but we need help. I think our City needs help with these people, the 200 and some odd people that, Ms. Cabiness you referred to, have been flooded two and

three times, and now again. Is this going to be in the future for the people in Houston? When the news media leaves, and the camera's gone, does FEMA put them in abeyance when the next tragic events happen in another region in this country? It's unconscionable what has happened to a lot of these citizens. For the third time in less than three years, some of the same addresses, we know them, are being flooded, and these citizens reached out to you, Mr. Mayor, and all of us for help and answers. We know some of the answers. But for funding, those answers and solutions aren't being applied. So, we've got news media in the room. To accept that, to say that 'we'll just have to wait,' I've thought about that since we've had our conference call, and in thinking about that, I thought that could be the future for the people who got flooded in Houston. That could be the future of the people who have been devastated in the Keys, the Virgin Islands, and certainly Florida and beyond. I think we need to push that to the top to say 'is this the example and is this the treatment,' because the same waist-high level flooding, we've got citizens right now that could attest to that half a dozen times over, and we're frustrated as people who want to do something, but can't.

So, sometimes people don't realize the enormity of the problem because we don't ask for help. Years ago in the Chamber, we had a deficit, but our members didn't know it. We went out, and we told our most ardent members the enormity of the problem and how they could help. We really are saluting our people because but for you all, and that is why we're going to be pushing for a higher cost of living increase, by the way, because we can't really pay you what you're really worth, but we'll try our best, certainly, this time around. We have to give more exposure to the plight of these people where the flood insurance is paid. They made the necessary repairs, and you know what, as soon as they got back in the house, they got flooded again. So, that problem, I throw out to the floor. I know, Mr. Mayor, you can't fight that one by yourself, but when you look behind you, it should be a whole lot of people, and not just the 12 people of Council. The citizens of this region, and the business community need to step up and say 'hey, Mr. elected Senator, Mr. Elected Congressman, we need your help on this one. These people have voted for you, they've paid their Federal taxes, and the dollars have not come back during a time of need.' So, I throw that out, not to have a good, hearty discussion, but hopefully we can take some action steps in a broad way to let the nation know that we've got people who have applied for grant funding through FEMA, and right now, those cries have gone unanswered."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I hear you loud and clear. Yesterday when we had our City press conference to give the public an update, Congressman Sanford was there, and the only conversation I had with him was about this matter. Yesterday morning, earlier than that, Governor McMaster called me, and the only point of the discussion was about our mitigation grant proposal, and he agreed to meet with myself and appropriate others to get into the details of this FEMA grant. He has told me that he will help us take this case to the administration. So, we've set up a meeting with the Governor the week after next and are going to proceed to solicit his help. He has promised to help us. We're going to ask. There's no question about that. Thank you."

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor, if you will allow, we also spoke about the pounding that the Battery wall took. Whatever life remained on the Battery wall this time last week, certainly has been shortened as a result of the pounding that we all saw from the tidal surge that Mark so adeptly explained, almost a ten foot surge. In compiling this list, I would hope that some of the damages sustained, once we make an assessment, could be a part of that list. So, I know Councilmember Seekings could address that more adeptly than I, but you're not alone. We're all in this together. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, in that same vein, our consultant that's taking a second look at the Church Creek Drainage Basin is well into his study and will have a report to Council by the end of October. He's been having neighborhood meetings with citizens to get their input, and I

just want to let Council and the public know that they're having a more general public meeting a week from tomorrow night, September 21st, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Citadel Mall. So, they'll still be in a listening mode, rather than a presentation mode. I just wanted everyone to be aware of that and to attend if you can. If there are no further questions or comments about Irma –"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just very quickly, I want to thank Councilmember Waring for bringing it up, and obviously we hear you loud and clear, Mayor, about the Church Creek Drainage Basin. That's one of many issues that was highlighted and accentuated over the last 48 hours. Councilmember Mitchell's probably been a louder voice than me about some of the issues downtown, but you know, drainage, flooding, sea level rise, are existential problems for the entire City, and it's going to take all of us to get behind you, this Council, and anybody else who is working on it, Mark and his team. We really have to buckle down. I was telling Councilmember Waring that this is a fact. After the storm hit, after the tidal surge hit, we walked along the Low Battery, and there were pieces of the Low Battery in Murray Boulevard. So, it was spalled. It was beaten up. So, we've got a lot of work to do. That one project alone represents a massive portion of our annual budget. Church Creek, we have no idea where that's going. We're going to need help at every level, so we need to put those teams together now. It's great that you're meeting with the Governor. Hopefully, we, you, and anyone else can meet with him regularly, the County, the Federal government. It's just a massive undertaking that we're going to have to prepare ourselves for. It's going to, unfortunately, come again. We ask and pray that it doesn't come again anytime in the near future, but we're going to be facing these issues regularly, and I think that's just a reality that we're bound for. Thank you for your leadership. You were in the MEOC (Municipal Emergency Operations Center) every step of the way. Your troops replied to you very well. We all saw them out in the street. I can tell you in my district, I went to sleep last night at 11:00 p.m., and there were still people from Laura's team out on the streets South of Broad at 11:00 last night, and they started at 5:00 in the morning. So, the City is there for the people who are there watching and listening, and now we need your help to speak to the people around us and above us. We're going to need their help, too. Thank you for being there for us, everybody. We're going to ask you again to be there for us when it's dry and sunny because it will be wet and rainy again, and that day's coming."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir. Thank you very much. Alright, approval of City Council minutes from July 11, 2017."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve. Are there any additions or corrections?"

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 City Council meeting.

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "We're going to defer the August 15, 2017 minutes. They're not quite ready yet, but we'll have them for you at the next meeting. Next is our Citizens' Participation Period of 30 minutes. How many folks do we have signed up?"

The Clerk said, "We have six."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay. So it's not a free reign, but we'll give you a couple of minutes since we don't have many people signed up. Who do we have first?"

The Clerk said, "We have Mohammed Idris followed by Carol Jackson and then Janet Segal."

1. Mohammad Idris said that man could only be a servant of God, man could not be God. Mayor Tecklenburg had said that this 9/11 overshadowed the one 16 years ago, and he agreed with him. This 9/11 showed them things in this city and in Florida. They had water in two states at the same time. The sewer stunk and it was to remind them of one of the nine plagues that came during the time of Moses in what was called the number one city at that time. They were asking them understand that these disasters were God made and it was sending a message to Charleston. He asked them to not drown in the sea of wrongdoing. They, the poor, were asking the City to move over a little and let them help with the direction of the City and share in the benefit properly.
2. Carol Jackson said she lived on James Island in District 12 and she thanked the Mayor, Laura, and the staff. James Island was one of the locations where sandbags could be made by the citizens. The sand had just kept coming. She knew it was a cooperative effort between the City and the Town of James Island. James Island and Charleston were coming down to some challenges, and it didn't matter what color the trashcans were or what side of the boundaries they lived on. For Brockman Drive, she knew there was a complication with something on the deed and it needed to be rezoned away from single family. Then, there was an annexation of a lot in Councilmember Moody's district, and she thought it was time to think about every opportunity they had to consider land use. She wanted to thank the Mayor publically because of his commitment that there would be a report about the James Island Master Planning. She looked forward to hearing about that.
3. Janet Segal said that she lived on Teeside Court in Shadowmoss. She wanted to echo everything that had been said and thanked everyone in Laura's office for keeping them safe. They had hired an amazing and friendly company in Weston and Sampson Engineers. They felt confident that there were fixers. She hadn't flooded this time, but she wanted to make a request that they bring in barricades to stop water from coming back in the house when pick-up trucks came out to look around, and did doughnuts in the cul-de-sac. She also asked if it was okay if they put tape across the end of the street to keep them out of the street because they were making a bad situation worse.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Agreed. Thank you."

The Clerk said, "Next, we have Marc Knapp, Shane Wolff and finally Mark Brandenburg."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Knapp."

4. Marc Knapp said that he had been complaining about this for 25 years and had been saying that they needed to put focus on infrastructure. They needed to take care of the underground first, before they built affordable housing. If they were going to build new buildings, they needed to do something with the storm drainage, and that could be underground retention systems. Nothing in Charleston had changed, and they still had the same problem they had 100 years ago, but they had 150 year old infrastructure. They needed to make sure the engineers downstreamed new development. The CSX railroad line was a dam for all of Bees Ferry, and they needed to get piping underneath the railroad.
5. Shane Wolff said that he wanted to reiterate what had been said. This had been a tough week for everyone and they were used to that in Charleston. On Tuesday morning at MUSC, it was business as usual, and he thanked the City for getting them back up and

operating. He wanted to comment on some of the deferred items. Item twenty under first readings, and items eight and nine under second reading were representative of the issues they had been talking about. They were going to face flooding, storm, and concerns about the rising of the harbor level. The first phase of disaster response was mitigation, and the idea was to reduce the chances of the unavoidable circumstances. The ultimate goal was a safer and more livable community. He applauded the Mayor for taking a sensible approach to how they were going to develop and grow Charleston in the future. He encouraged a critical analysis of the zoning options and any requested changes to zoning and development that fit into the mitigation phase of disaster response.

6. Mark Brandenburg said that he wanted to thank the Mayor and all of City Council for their leadership. He disagreed in part with the first speaker who said this was a natural disaster, and that they had the opportunity to avoid it from becoming a manmade disaster as well. Dr. Woolf had said that they shouldn't build in low-lying areas or under certain elevations, and some of the subdivision and rezoning requests in the next few weeks and months would ask them to allow development in areas that the John's Island Plan had already recognized as not suitable for development. He encouraged them to go back and look at that Plan and keep that in mind.

Councilmember Riegel arrived to the Chamber at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Thank you, sir."

The Clerk said, "Now we are up to Petitions and Communications."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Petitions and Communications, did we have a distribution of the Boards and Commission?"

The Clerk said, "We want to approve Item 1, the BAR appointments, and then Item 2."

Mayor Tecklenburg asked, "Do we have the copy of the BAR appointments?"

The Clerk said, "Right here."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think the one for Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee applications are just to advise you, and over the next two weeks, if you have any recommendations, please let us know. On BAR, we have an appointment for the BAR Large. Do I hear a motion to approve?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Are we going to vote for Mr. Scott as a new appointment and Ms. Wheeler as the alternate?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's correct. Yes."

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, City Council voted unanimously to appoint Leon Scott (layperson) and Karoline Wheeler (alternate) to the Board of Architectural Review – Large.

-- INSERT APPOINTMENT MEMO --

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Scott ought to do an excellent job. He has a lot of experience working most of his adult life downtown and a great appreciation for our City, and I think he'll do a fine job on the BAR. Then, this is just a small matter to approve, a Deed of Gift of archeological excavation for Charleston Museum. We looked over the items. They're mostly just

really fragments of larger items, and you'd need to be an archaeologist to appreciate most of them. So, I think they're in a good place at the museum."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion to approve. Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted unanimously to approve a Deed of Gift in connection with archaeological excavations conducted by The Charleston Museum.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we'll proceed with Council Committee reports. Our License Committee, Chairman Gregorie."

Councilmember Gregorie, Chair of the License Committee, said, "Mayor and Council, the License Committee met August 23rd and also September 6th at 4:00 p.m. There is nothing for the body to approve. We did look at a couple of appeals, but there is nothing for the body as a whole to approve. We are receiving it as information only."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Next is our Committee report on Community Development, Chairman Mitchell."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "It's the same as I stated in Ways and Means. I'm voting for approval. The item that Councilmember Lewis did not vote on was 5A. That is my motion."

Councilmember Williams said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody asked, "Can we separate those two and vote on them separately?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I don't want to separate it because of how we did it in Community Development. You know, I'm having a problem because this has been going on for a long, long, long time. I don't know what kind of games we are playing here, but this has gone on a long time. I'm getting tired that every time we look, we're coming into this area with the Cooper River Bridge site with the TIF, and we are backsliding, we're going to do something else with it. We need to approve this, and let's move on. This has been here for four or five years since I've been here, longer than that. If this is what the Council wants, if they want to separate it, then we can do it, but I don't want to separate it. I want us to vote on this, and let's move on."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, I'll just point out that, as we have in earlier discussions at Ways and Means, that the TIF District projects are just a list of recommendations, placeholders if you will, as Councilmember Gregorie admitted, and I proposed to you that we have a workshop meeting of the entire Council on those projects, so we can dig into them a little deeper. We did that at the Community Development Committee the other day, but we're talking about a lot of money, and I think it deserves our full attention."

Councilmember Seekings said, "If we're going to do that, Mr. Mayor, I'd like to, if we're going to have a workshop, we should also put the draft bond allocation plan on the workshop, too, because that's going to come back to us, and it is still a draft with a vote coming up in November, so I think we should work that through."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "With all due respect, I would disagree with you on that because the election's coming up. It will be here in November. The TIF District project decisions may, in fact, be impacted by whether the referendum passes or not. I think it will. So, I was kind of thinking that the workshop on the TIF district projects might not even occur before the election."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "As for that bond allocation, we sit here and talk all the time about affordable housing, creating affordable housing for the people that work in hospitality. We sit in this Council and say 'oh, we're looking out for you and thinking about everyone and all the people that live in the City of Charleston,' and I'm getting tired of sitting here hearing and listening to it. I've been on this Council all of these years hearing us talk about diversity, talking about helping and putting housing that people can afford that work in the hospitality field, and we come right here and talk about out forever. This area where this bridge is, when we talk about affordable housing, placing some there with the bond allocation, which we need the money for leverage because we don't have it. When the property was turned over to us a long time ago, it stipulated what we could put there anyway. So, we are trying to create these things and let the community know that we have heard the cries of the people. So, all we're doing is voting on this. When it comes back to us, and we can discuss it more after the allocation, but let's move on. It's getting sickening to me, actually."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Williams.

Councilmember Williams said, "The allocation part and what will be done is the easy part. The commitment part is out of 12 districts, what are we going to do to the public square and to convince the public that this is something that is needed for all communities and all of the City. I'm a little concerned with all the shuffling. This is about affordability for all the parts of the City where appropriate. So, we've got to get out here and state the case, and if you have questions about the allocation, do you really have questions about how you want to do this, because each of us has to focus on how we're going to go out in the community in our district and state the case to our people about the need for affordability. So, I concur with my colleague, we need to move on and put some effort into our communities, our neighbors, our HOAs, about the need for affordability in all parts of the City of Charleston. So, I'd like to challenge our commitment, not to the allocation, but are we going to help market this bond referendum to our community to convince them that this issue is an issue of the future of what Charleston will look like because right now, it's not looking as diverse as it could be because of housing and affordability. Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "I just asked for it to be separated. I'm going to vote for 'a.' I think that's part of the bond referendum. We're going to put it out there. The taxpayers have an opportunity to look at it, and they can vote it up or down. I don't know what's available on this TIF district, so I'm going to vote against that. So, I don't know how to vote if you don't separate them, other than to just say 'no' to both of them. I want to support the first one, but I want to look at the second one further before I give my approval to it. I don't know what else is out there. So, with all due respect to Chairman Mitchell, I'd like to have a separate vote, and if I need to make a motion to do that, maybe I can do that, and if that fails, I know how to vote."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think we have a motion on the floor from Councilmember Mitchell."

The Clerk said, "There is, seconded by Councilmember Williams."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Both matters together, so I have to defer to Chairman Mitchell on that."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I'm going to tell you something. I'm going to separate it. Next time, you come to me with something, I'll go ahead and make a motion to separate it, but I really don't like it. I'll say that."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion on the first matter of the bond allocation plan for affordable housing?"

No one else asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Gregorie, City Council voted unanimously to approve Item a of the Committee on Community Development report as presented.

(Review of the draft bond allocation plan)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next is the matter of the Cooper River Bridge TIF district projects. Is there any further discussion?"

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Shahid said, "Second."

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember Shahid, City Council voted to approve Item b of the Committee on Community Development report as presented. The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Moody voted nay.

(Cooper River Bridge TIF District Projects)

-- INSERT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT --

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, we'll have our Public Safety report, Chairwoman Wilson."

Councilmember Wilson, Chair of the Committee on Public Safety said, "The Committee on Public Safety met Thursday, September 7th. The meeting was held down at the Gaillard on George Street because we had impending weather events, and as a matter of fact, at the conclusion of the meeting, several of us went up to the MEOC to see what was going on up there and have our first conference call. We heard some routine updates from Fire and Police, and of course, Mr. Wilbert was not able to attend because he was upstairs, but I think the issue that is of most important to this Council was the review and recommendation of proposed subcontractors to conduct an audit of the City of Charleston Police Department. If you remember, and I think all of you should have received, I had asked that everyone receive some information regarding the three entities brought forth by our consultant, Ms. Novak. She had brought forth Dr. Robin Engel, from the University of Cincinnati, Dr. Jeff Rojek from the University of Texas, El Paso, and firm called RTI, which does a lot of municipal work in various areas, Public Safety being one of them,

which is located up in the Research Triangle in North Carolina. Since that time, Dr. Rojek withdrew from the process, thus, leaving us with two. Upon putting it to a vote at the Public Safety Committee, they chose to bring forth a recommendation to this Council of RTI as the consultant for this work with the audit of the City of Charleston Police Department. So, that is what I am bringing forth on behalf of the Public Safety Committee to you this evening."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'd like the record to show, even though he is not present, that the motion to approve RTI was made by Councilmember Lewis and then, unanimously, approved by the Committee."

Councilmember Williams said, "RTI, who is that? What company is that?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "It's a consulting company. As I said, they're located up in the research triangle, and they deal with a lot of municipal issues. They deal with Public Works, Public Safety, and with Police and Fire. It's a bit of a broad-based company. I think what was attractive to Councilmember Lewis, I hate to speak for him, as he is not here this evening, were the resources that they bring in terms of manpower of data collection and analyzation."

Councilmember Williams said, "So, Novak brought RTI in as a third candidate? How did it get in?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "There were three candidates brought forth. That was one of the three."

Councilmember Williams said, "That's one of the three, RTI. Thanks."

Councilmember Wilson said, "Yes, by the time it actually came to a vote we were down to two candidates."

The Clerk said, "On Councilmember Lewis' behalf, he did call. He had an engagement that he had an appointment for that he could not break."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Moody.

Councilmember Moody said, "Chairman Wilson, was there any discussion in the Committee about when to conduct this audit? My personal opinion is that we should have a new Chief on board before we do that. Was that a discussion within the Committee or was that at all discussed with RTI or whomever?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "It was not discussed at the meeting held most recently. It had been discussed previously at the beginning of this process. My personal belief, I've shared that with you, that we probably ought to have the new Police Chief on board before we take something like this, but there was surprisingly little discussion at the September 7th meeting. It came up for a vote, it was voted upon, and we moved on."

Councilmember Moody said, "Yes, I guess my problem is not so much with RTI, it's just when we do the work. We can go ahead and engage them, but it would be my preference that we wait until we get our new Chief on board and have him or her be part of that process. I think that's really important."

Councilmember Wilson said, "I think that's a subject to be undertaken by the body as a whole."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, just let me put in context that the next step forward would be for a scope of work to be developed amongst Novak and RTI if we were to move forward with this, and that will take a little time. I'll also report separately to Council that both ESCI and PERF, the two organizations that we've hired to assist us in our search for both a new Fire Chief and a new Police Chief, our solicitation went public today. It's a 30-day period that will be accepting applications both locally and nationwide for those two positions. So, that process is moving along, as well. They're kind of moving hand in hand just to give you an idea of timing."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "I hate to weigh in on this subject again, but I have to. We, who lost in a vote of Council, asked for a Request for Proposal, an RFP, and, with all due respect, Mr. Mayor, you went to Novak and it came with three recommendations, two of which, as I understand it, are basically college professors who conduct this kind of consulting on the side. Novak has told us that they don't do this kind of work. Their recommendations, in my opinion, in particular on the two college professors, they don't even have a firm to do this, but that was two of the three best they could come forward with. We had a process that, I think even you would agree, but I don't want to put words in your mouth, that we could have improved upon. If we were to go back to how we got here, the Committee that eventually selected eventually Novak was not an inclusive Committee. Here we are selecting a firm that's going to conduct, in part, an audit of our Police Department that's going to include potentially racial bias in our policing activities, and on that Committee, there were no African Americans. This happened after Mother Emanuel. This happened after the Confederate Flag came down, and this happened after almost a year and a half of the Illumination Project being inclusive. There are no African Americans on our staff, and no African Americans on Council were allowed to participate in the selection of Novak as far as the RFP process. That was a mistake."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Weren't you on that Committee, sir?"

Councilmember Waring said, "I was not on that Committee. I wish I were. I would have pointed that out. I was not on that Committee. I don't believe it was anything set out on purpose, but we can do better. We need to do an RFP because I really thought we would get three firms so that the Public Safety Committee would have something to really compare and contrast. The professor, you said the University of Texas-El Paso. He was once up at the University of South Carolina in Public Safety. Obviously, he pulled out. So, then our Public Safety Committee was left with RTI, of which certainly Councilmembers don't know who that is, and then a professor who moonlights. That's the choice that the Public Safety Committee had to select from. Now, I'm sure in the United States of America, we can have a better selection for our Public Safety persons to choose from to conduct a really important audit. It has created a lot of consternation with people coming up to the microphone and telling war stories of travails in our community. So, we look the other way to go along to get along, and I think that's wrong. I would hope we would not turn this into 'us against them'. I do agree that whoever the new Police Chief is should be a part and play a heavy role in this process. So, I don't understand the rush to select a firm when we do have time. We didn't know it initially, but with the retirement of the Chief, we do have time to select a firm that's equipped and that has experience to do it. I commend Novak for trying but I think, as a City, we can do better. So, whenever this audit comes back, it could say we're doing the best job in America, and we should have confidence in the results. I don't have confidence in the results because I don't think the firms that our Public Safety Committee had to choose from, they

were just so severely limited. I'm not going to vote for this because number one, we can do better. Number two, the process should have been more inclusive. Novak has told us they don't conduct these kinds of audits, so then we go back to them and ask them to give us a couple of firms that will do this kind of work, and they come up with two college professors that moonlight. One withdrew, leaving our Committee to choose between a college professor that does it part-time and RTI, which was little or no choice."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, let me make a couple of points. With all due respect, Novak never told us that they don't do this kind of work. In fact, they are a general consultant that we have hired to help us in our performance improvement process. As we shared with you recently, we have a program of nine different things that they're going to be looking at over the next year including this police racial bias matter, but it also included things like our Human Resources and our Technical Review Committee process and other various, sundry matters that the City is involved with, and so, Novak can study anything. If they need particular help or expertise on any of those nine matters, then they'll go out and find it, and this particular matter was such that we all agreed that they ought to bring in some extra expertise. They brought to us the three groups. The Committee agreed that all three of them were qualified to add that extra level of expertise to what Novak was doing. One of them happened to, after a little bit of a wait, decide they weren't interested in the job. We had looked at all of the three, all three were qualified, and the remaining two were qualified, as well. It was Councilmember Lewis who made the discernment to recommend who was recommended by the Committee. So, it's a little complicated, I admit, but the intentions are good, and I believe the combination of Novak and this firm can do an excellent job. Their first order of business that we've heard from Ms. Novak is to engage the public to come up with the scope of work that would be included in this audit. So, I think it's on a good track. We're not in a rush. There's no rush about it, but I think we have the bones in place to do a good job."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I just want to reiterate that, and I did not bring their brochures with me for the meeting tonight, but all three of these consultants had a very impressive resume. Councilmember Waring, you mentioned that these professors moonlight. Well, that's what professors do. It's not moonlighting like this is a second job to them, or it's moonlighting that they have nothing else better to do. The folks who made this application and the resumes that we received from them, these guys are experts in what they do. I felt a little uncomfortable that they appeared to be a one-man show and, I think, that's why the Committee elected to go with RTI, even though one of them had dropped out, but if you looked at their resumes, looked at the scope of work of what they had done before, the connection to the community that they had was extremely impressive, and these were folks who were qualified. I'm involved with a case right now with the singer, James Brown. The one person that we use is a law professor at the University of South Carolina, Alan Medlin, who is an expert in estate planning and an expert on probate matters, and that's what law professors do. That's what college professors do. You call on these folks because they have a certain qualification, or a certain expertise, because they are studying, they are doing the research, they are doing the work behind the scenes that we don't see as to their particular fields. That's what they do. It's like a GEICO commercial, that's what they do. We didn't select one professor, we selected this company which, when I reviewed and went back over it a second and third time, their qualifications seemed to me to be more than qualified to handle this project. I am torn between whether or not we need to do the audit first and hire the Chief, or hire the Chief and do the audit. I think there is a lot of merit on both sides of that, but we're not in a rush, and we do have two interim Chiefs for the Fire Department and Police Department, which I think is unprecedented in this City. So, those are our

two number one priorities as our responsibility as members of Council and the Mayor to take care of those two departments. Our number one priority is to do that. So, we want to be deliberate, we want to be discerning, but we need to move forward. Let's vote on this committee report to accept RTI. They are more than qualified to handle the project at hand, and I'll ask that the Council, at large, should go ahead and approve that recommendation."

Councilmember Williams said, "Move for second."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "The first question is, and this is to the Committee, how did Novak go about identifying the three? What was that process?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "Ms. Novak did not get into great detail. I believe she has had contact with all three and has used them in other professional capacities in consulting engagements."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "But she has some familiarity with them?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "Correct."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "So, they didn't do an RFQ or anything like that?"

Councilmember Wilson said, "No."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay. The second question is we're going to identify the scope of work. We haven't identified that yet. If we haven't identified that yet, how do we know they're qualified?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Well, because she sought out firms that had experience in audits of police departments regarding racial bias and, I think, specifically, in terms of this issue of traffic stops, whether they're investigatory or not, and how that plays out with the issue of racial bias."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "But, just a follow-up, Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That was the primary."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Sure, and in reading the piece that I think you presented to Council at our last meeting, I was taken back just a bit because it does appear as though we're only going to be looking at stops. I thought that we were going to do a little more broader look at racial bias in, well, I'd like for it to be Citywide, but within the Police Department."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Within the Police Department."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Okay. So, the scope will go beyond just stops, is the question I raise."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, that's what the community process allows."

Councilmember Williams said, "Aren't you on the Committee?"

Councilmember Wagner said, "Yes, I am on the Committee."

Councilmember Williams said, "Please speak to us."

Councilmember Wagner said, "I may have a little different view than my colleague. We had three names. Each individual had met with Ms. Novak and asked their own personal questions. When it came time, and the first gentleman bailed out, that left us with two. This is a very, very important part of what we're doing, but scopewise of the contract, it's a relatively small piece of their major contract. We're looking at everybody, not just our Police Department. I am looking at this as not a 'be-all, end-all, pull-up' audit, because it's not. It is a review of a series of specific duties performed by the Police Department. My view of it is it's the beginning, not the end. If they say, 'boy, we didn't find a thing.' Okay, that's fine. If we continue to have problems, hey, this is just the beginning. It's a very small piece of the big picture, which is the overall City, and so that's kind of the way I was looking at it. I wasn't looking at it as an end-all, this is the audit, and by golly they either did it or they didn't. That's not what I see here, and that's not, I don't believe, in the scope of what was presented to us which was, even from day one, when we all went to the Chief's office that very first time, what six to eight months ago. So, I'm seeing this as Councilmember Wilson is telling you what we did for an hour or two while we were worrying about going up to the MEOC and talking about Irma, but I think this is the beginning of the police audit cycle, not the end of it. This is not going to be the be-all, end-all. It's a piece of the process that the Mayor has established for all departments, not just the Police Department, the Fire Department, or anybody else. So, I am inclined to move forward with it. I am comfortable with the choice. I will be more than happy to provide you all, all the information I have, and that's all I got for you. I was there, and that's how I saw it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Waring.

Councilmember Waring said, "Councilmember Gregorie said that we don't have a scope of work. Councilmember Wilson said the qualifications weren't put forth. Councilmember Shahid said that that's not moonlighting with these two college professors. They work full-time at universities. This is not what they do full-time. So, I use the term 'moonlighting', and I use the term 'part-time', and the example you came up with was an individual case, an estate planning case, and here we are asking for an audit of the largest Police Department in the State of South Carolina that potentially oversees 130,000 plus people. There is no comparison between your case and the example that you brought up, and the City of Charleston here. Why do we not want to have or, maybe we should answer this in the reverse, what is it, Mr. Mayor, why you do not want to have an open, transparent process to find a firm to do this audit? This is not the way to do it. We all know this isn't the way to do it. We didn't send out an advertisement across the country and ask for people with the best skills to come in place, and Councilmember Wagner, I am not asking to replace Novak. We've already voted on that. I'm settled with that. It is this aspect on the audit affecting our Police Department because we didn't have a stream of people come up to the microphone talking about planning, talking about engineering over a period of months. We had dozens, if not hundreds, when you go to some of the other hearings of complaints with our Police Department. Our own Police Chief said that those stops reduced from what was it, Bill, 27,000 one year down to 17,000 the next, 10,000 stops over a year. That raises a question to me of what policy was in place to generate the 27,000 stops and what changed? Were we just lucky and those stops reduced by 10,000 year over a year? That's not something I picked up online. That's something the Police Chief told me. He told you too, Bill. We can do

better in finding qualified people to conduct this audit. That's all I'm saying, and to say that we're not rushing it when we have not selected a permanent Chief, in my opinion, I respectfully disagree. We're right, we can agree to disagree, but when we had the Chief, we wanted to steam forward. We don't have a Chief. We have an Acting Chief, and with all due respect, hopefully he'll put in for the job, but when the full-time position is there, I think that full-time Chief should be involved with this, which gives us the time to go out and get the proper firms that will do this. If Novak could have done it, why are they coming up with three other people? If they've got that kind of skill set and that kind of record in conducting this kind of audit, we've already hired them. Why aren't they doing it? So, it is a rush, and it is a lack of transparency."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'm not in a hurry, Councilmember Waring. I just feel like we've spent a lot of time, and we do have qualified people to do this. I believe that Councilmember Lewis made the recommendation for this firm versus the university professor, perhaps for the reason you intimate I don't know whether, really, and I didn't bring my big sack of stuff with me, but if you go back to our original RFP for this consultant that Novak was successful for, it very specifically included the request for an audit of racial bias in our Police Department, and admittedly, there was some community input specifically for this matter of the investigatory stops. It started with the Charleston Area Justice Ministry way before we put this RFP out. I think you and I were both at that meeting over a year ago."

Councilmember Waring said, "We were there together. You're right."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, maybe one way to handle this scope of work that's determined, if you want to wait a little while on some of it, like Councilmember Wagner says, it's really a journey, rather than a destination. It's a process, and it is a whole performance improvement process concept. Maybe, we go ahead first, regardless of whether our new Chief has been hired and handle that one issue of the investigatory stops. The scope of work could be developed to include other things that would continue on after the new Chief is onboard and has the opportunity to have input on it. That might be a good approach going forward because there's certainly been the demand, or the input from our community, that they would like us to take a serious look at this specific issue of the investigatory stops. I would offer that to you that, number one, these folks, I believe, are fully capable and qualified to do that. I'm not in a rush, but there's been this clamor, in a way, that has been going on for almost two years and why don't we move forward."

Councilmember Waring said, "I agree with virtually everything you just said. Why don't we see who else is out there? I don't understand, okay, we go to Novak and Novak says 'here are these three people, two of them are full-time college professors who have part-time companies that work in this.' I tend to think, I'm not going to a part-time accountant, I'm going to go to a full-time accountant. We've got the time, you said we've got the time. We don't need to rush. We can develop the scope of work, so when we do put it out there, we can find the people who are qualified to accomplish the scope of work that we would like to obtain. Why not see who else is out there?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It was in our original RFP. They replied specifically to it. We all agreed to hire Novak for everything, including the racial bias part, but, again, with the caveat that they're going to study something very specific. They have the right to go out and reach out and get other expertise. This is part of the process, and then we had continuing requests to get this thing moving forward and, particularly, on the investigatory stops. I don't see any reason not to move forward."

Councilmember Williams said, "Can you call the question? Call the question, please."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Just before you call the question."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Gregorie.

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Yes, I can almost write the report now. Seriously, and why I say that is, I think that our Chiefs are smart enough to analyze the situation for themselves, because of these allegations, make some changes, and I'm going to conclude that the result of this study will show that, perhaps, a couple of years ago, because I don't know how far back we're going to look at the data, that there might have been a problem, but in the last year or year and a half, there is no problem. So, I'm just not sure what this exercise is going to give us because if, given all the clamor and issues on this, we've got very professional people who will look into it themselves and find out who, perhaps, these people are that are doing what we're alleging is discriminatory and take care of it. That's the smart thing to do. I'm going to support the wisdom of the Committee, but I can almost tell you now the results of the report."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I can assure you that if they find good recommendations."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "I hope they do."

Mayor Tecklenburg continued, "Our performance improvement process is all about anything that we tackle. If they find good recommendations for us to make a better Police Department in the way we treat our citizens, I'm all for it."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "My statement has nothing to do with Novak per se. I'm just saying, based upon all of the clamor about this stuff, I'm sure it doesn't exist now."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Can I call the question?"

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Sure."

On a motion of Councilmember Shahid, seconded by Councilmember Williams, City Council voted to approve the Committee on Public Safety Report as presented. The vote was not unanimous. Councilmembers Waring and Moody voted nay.

--- INSERT PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT ---

- a. Review and recommendation of proposed subcontractors to conduct an audit of the City of Charleston Police Department
- b. Updates:
 - (i) Fire Department (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
 - (ii) Police Department (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)
 - (iii) Emergency Management (INFORMATION ONLY) (DEFERRED)

The Clerk said, "Okay, two, Councilmembers Waring and Moody."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Thank you very much. Committee on Public Works and Utilities, Chairman Williams."

Councilmember Williams, Chair of the Public Works and Utilities Committee, said, "I move for the report of the Public Works and Utilities Committee to be approved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Williams, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted to adopt the Committee on Public Works and Utilities Report as presented.

--- INSERT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES REPORT ---

a.) **Acceptance and Dedication of Rights-of-Way and Easements:**

- (i) **Sidewalk at Concord Street** – Approval to notify SCDOT that the City intends to accept maintenance responsibility for the 170 linear-foot long granite curb, and a 7-foot wide by 96-linear foot long concrete sidewalk with non-standard joint pattern to be constructed in conjunction with the International African American Museum construction project, within the SCDOT right-of-way at Concord Street (S-10-396). Letter and map attached.
 - Letter
 - Map
- (ii) Abandonment of a portion of **Castle Pinckney Drive**. Plat to show abandonment of a paper right-of-way of a portion of Castle Pinkney Drive, recorded in Charleston County on plat book page AX-160.
 - Plat
- (iii) **Ashley Park, Phase 5** - Acceptance and dedication a portion of Hartland Street (right-of-way varies, [360 LF]), a portion of William E. Murray Blvd (right-of-way varies, [470 LF]), and Rigsby Lane (right-of-way varies, [755 LF]). There are 50 lots. All infrastructure with the exception of sidewalks has been completed, and the sidewalks are bonded.
 - Title to Real Estate
 - Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
 - Plat
 - Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements
- (iv) **The Villages at St Johns Woods, Phase V-1** - Acceptance and dedication of a portion of Halle Road (50-foot right-of-way, [736 LF]), a portion of St. Johns Woods Pkwy (right-of-way varies, [599 LF]), Bouganvillia Drive (right-of-way varies, [375 LF]), and Shrimp Catcher Way (20-foot right-of-way, [314 LF]). There are 20 lots. All infrastructure with the exception of sidewalks has been completed, and the sidewalks are bonded.
 - Title to Real Estate

- Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- Plat
- Exclusive Storm Water Drainage Easements

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Committee on Traffic and Transportation."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. The Committee on Traffic and Transportation met today. We approved one limo and two speed humps, and I move for adoption of the report."

Councilmember White said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Traffic and Transportation Report as presented:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT---

- a. Application for Original Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity:
 - Charleston Airport Shuttle, DBA Charleston Cab Company (Limo)
- b. Approval of Traffic Calming Speed Humps: (INFORMATION ONLY)
 - Sparkleberry Lane
 - Westridge Circle, Westchester Neighborhood

Councilmember Shahid said, "Question, Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Shahid.

Councilmember Shahid said, "Is there money available for speed humps?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you for that question. We had the discussion today. We have a budget this year of about \$62,500. Mr. Somerville is here if I'm wrong. We have spent about \$30,000 or \$40,000 of it. There is still some money, technically, in the account, but with the backup of speed humps, that money is spoken for, so we probably have no more money left in this budget year, and we'd like to have some by the next budget year. I talked to Mr. Somerville, and I talked to Mr. Benjamin, and we'll be happy to take it up. Did I get that right?"

Robert Somerville said, "You got it right."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Thank you very much."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. The Committee on Human Resources."

Councilmember Waring said, "Wait a minute. Are we talking about Traffic and Transportation?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "I think we actually voted on it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We voted on it, and then Councilmember Shahid posed a question."

Councilmember Waring said, "Well, I have a post-question on it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Yes, sir."

Councilmember Waring said, "Councilmember Seekings brought up a good measure at Public Safety. I happened to duck in for five minutes and got all kind of knowledge when I did. There was a time in the City of Charleston when you did a subdivision, they would pay for the road, the water, the sewage, curb and guttering, and streets and sidewalks. That changed over time. That was an inducement, sometimes, to get you to annex in. Now, when you do a development or a subdivision, you have to put in roads, water, and sewage. I'm saying it in the absence, but sewage water, roads, utilities, curb and guttering, and pay for the sidewalks. Councilmember Seekings came up with the idea that why can't speed bumps be included in there and one of the questions, I think, Mr. Somerville came up with were the curb cuts. Well, doing site planning for a subdivision, curb cuts should be put in place, I've done them before. So, then, during that TRC process, the locations of speed bumps, just as we locate the curb and gutter and we locate the sidewalks, can be a part of that process. That developer would be picking up that cost going forward in the future in new subdivisions and, certainly, we would only have to take care of existing subdivisions when it comes to speed humps going forward, in the future. So, that should be whatever we have to do to codify that in the development package, we should put speed bumps as part of the development process."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think that's a good idea."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Mr. Mayor, if I could just respond to that thinking. Councilmember Waring, we did discuss that at T&T today, and we did ask that that become part of the next meeting or some meeting in the future, so we can codify that, and it will probably take some pressure off the TRC process. I think that the direction we probably will go with, the Committee, but again we talked about it is not to have them identify a place specific where the speed humps are, but to take linear measurements of the roads and figure out how many speed humps can possibly go in based on the linear measurements and set aside monies in the development process to do that. So, we have it on our agenda. Thank you for reminding me, the hour's late, and I did forget it."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That makes sense because right now our system requires citizen approval, and when they build a new subdivision, well, citizens on one street might not want a speed bump, but if we allocate the funds or reserves for it to be done, that's a good idea."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Yes, thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Alright. Now to the Committee on Human Resources."

Councilmember White said, "Move for adoption of the report."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the Committee on Human Resources Report as presented:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES---

- a. Review and approval of BCBS renewal and 2018 Healthcare Budget
- b. BCBS audit results (INFORMATION ONLY)
- c. Stop Loss Agreement (*Deferred*)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Committee on Ways and Means."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "No, you've got to take out a couple of things, right?"

The Clerk said, "Yes, let's go over them."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "You have to take out the Mother Emanuel piece also? Isn't that on here?"

The Clerk said, "So, we're going to separate, is that what you're saying?"

Councilmember Waring said, "No, that's been deferred."

The Clerk said, "Right, I understand that. So, we'll say that the Mother Emanuel item has been deferred, then for the Cooper River Bridge TIF District Projects, Councilmember Lewis voted 5(a) as a nay, (in Community Development) and then Councilmember Moody is also voting as a 'nay' on the whole item. Those are the changes in Ways and Means."

Councilmember Seekings said, "So moved, as amended."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Seekings, seconded by Councilmember Mitchell, City Council voted to adopt the Committee on Ways and Means Report as amended:

---INSERT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS---

(Bids and Purchases

(Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Charleston Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (City of Charleston Project), Series 2017; authorizing the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance and sale of the aforesaid bonds, each between the City of Charleston, South Carolina and City of Charleston Public Facilities corporation, a Bond Purchase Agreement among the City, City of Charleston Public

- Facilities Corporation and Wells Fargo Securities, and a preliminary official statement and an official statement of the City; and other matters relating thereto.
- (Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a \$12,000,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Cooper River Bridge Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2017, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.
- (Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2007-232 in order to supplement the plan for the redevelopment of such area by including as a redevelopment project in such ordinance affordable housing as defined at Section 31-6-30(6), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.
- (Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a \$3,000,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Horizon Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2017, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.
- (Budget, Finance and Revenue Collections: An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Waterworks and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Charleston in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$50,000,000 and other matters relating thereto.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant award from Charleston County for accommodations tax funding in the amount of \$7,335. Funds will support the 2017 MOJA Arts Festival. No City match is required.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant award from Charleston County for accommodations tax funding in the amount of \$6,234. Funds will support the 2017 Holiday Magic in Historic Charleston. No City match is required.
- (Office of Cultural Affairs: Approval to accept a grant award from Charleston County for accommodations tax funding in the amount of \$9,184. Funds will support the 2018 Piccolo Spoleto Festival. No City match is required.
- (Mayor's Office for Children Youth and Families: Approval to accept the AmeriCorps VISTA Grant, which provides AmeriCorps VISTA members to serve the Charleston community. No City match is required.
- (Police Department: Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between CPD and James Island Charter School regarding SRO'S for 2017-2018 school year with 2% increase in compensation and policy updates.
- (Police Department: Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between CPD and Berkeley County School District regarding SRO's for 2017-2018 school year with 2% increase in compensation and policy updates.
- (Police Department: Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between CPD and Charleston County School District regarding SRO's for 2017-2018 school year with 3% increase in compensation and policy updates.
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Construction Contract with Schroder's Services, LLC in the amount of \$56,155 for the renovation of the restroom in the Wentworth Parking Garage. With the approval of the project budget, Staff is authorized to award and/or amend contracts less than \$40,000, to the extent contingency funds exist in the Council Approved budget. Approval of this action will institute a \$65,000 project budget of which the \$56,155 construction contract will be funded. The funding source for this project is the 2017 Parking Facilities, Structural Repairs in the General Operating Budget (\$1,060,000).
- (Parks-Capital Projects: Approval of a Construction Contract with J. Musselman Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$262,186 for the replacement of the north stairwell at the VRTC Parking Garage. With the approval of the project budget, Staff is authorized to award and/or amend contracts less than \$40,000, to the extent

contingency funds exist in the Council Approved budget. Approval of this action will institute a \$325,000 project budget of which the \$262,186 construction contract will be funded. The funding source for this project is the Parking Facilities, Structural Repairs in the Parking Fund (\$1,060,000).

(Public Service: Approve Spring/Fishburne US17 Drainage & Transportation Improvements Division III Federal Match (Phase 2) Aid-to-Construction Agreement and payment to SCE&G in the amount of \$176,473.50 for pedestrian street lighting on Spring Street, Cannon Street, and in the landscaped area between the aforementioned streets in conjunction with Phase 2 of the Spring/Fishburne project. SCE&G will provide and install 90 poles and fixture heads for the bases installed by Crowder Co. Funding has already been approved in the Phase 2 (Fed Match) council-approved budget.

(Review and approval of BCBS renewal and 2018 Healthcare Budget

(BCBS audit results (INFORMATION ONLY)

(Stop Loss Agreement (*Deferred*)

(Review of the Draft Bond Allocation Plan

(Cooper River Bridge TIF District Projects (Councilmember Moody voted nay on this item.)

(Approval to use the Pavilion Lawn at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens for MOJA Tribute Luncheon on Saturday, October 7, 2017. There is no fee, but there is a \$500 refundable damage deposit. (3550 Ashley River Road)

(Approval to use the Trinity United Methodist Church in the amount of \$300.00 for a rental for MOJA Gospel Concert on Sunday October 1, 2017 (273 Meeting Street)

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the Commercial Lease whereby the City leases 113 Calhoun Street to Emanuel African M.E. Church of Charleston for 10 years, upon termination of the Current Lease with the International African American Museum and the Pinckney Foundation. The property owner is the City of Charleston. (TMS: 458-01-01-086; 113 Calhoun Street) (DEFERRED)

(Request approval for the Mayor to execute the Right of Way Easement with the Commissioners of Public Works for 225 square feet in area for the placement of a sub-surface water meter vault. The property is owned by the City of Charleston. (TMS: 460-00-00-013; 180 Lockwood Boulevard)

(Consider the following annexations:

-- 2178 Coker Avenue (TMS# 343-01-00-046) 0.48 acre, James Island (District 11). The property is owned by Nicholas Witte and Katherine Riddle.

-- 1944 Woodland Road (TMS# 355-10-00-064) 0.24 acre, West Ashley (District 2). The property is owned by Heather Hays and David Kauffman.

-- 781 Saint Andrews Boulevard (TMS# 418-10-00-080) 0.36 acre, West Ashley (District 9). The property is owned by Kevin Shealy.

First reading was given to the following bills:

An ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Charleston Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds (City of Charleston Project), Series 2017; authorizing the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance and sale of the aforesaid bonds, each between the City of Charleston, South Carolina and City of Charleston Public Facilities Corporation, a Bond Purchase Agreement among the City, City of Charleston Public Facilities Corporation and Wells Fargo Securities, and a preliminary official statement and an official statement of the City; and other matters relating thereto.

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a \$12,000,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Cooper River Bridge Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2017, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto

An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2007-232 in order to supplement the plan for the redevelopment of such area by including as a redevelopment project in such ordinance affordable housing as defined at Section 31-6-30(6), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of a \$3,000,000 Special Obligation Redevelopment Bond (Horizon Redevelopment Project Area), Series 2017, of the City of Charleston, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto

An ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Waterworks and Sewer System Refunding Revenue Bonds of the City of Charleston in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$50,000,000 and other matters relating thereto.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 2178 Coker Avenue (0.48 acre) (TMS# 343-01-00-046), James Island, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 11. The property is owned by Nicholas Witte & Katherine Riddile.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 1944 Woodland Road (0.24 acre) (TMS# 355-10-00-064), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 2. The property is owned by Heather Hays & David Kauffman.

An ordinance to provide for the annexation of property known as 781 Saint Andrews Boulevard (0.36 acre) (TMS# 418-10-00-080), West Ashley, Charleston County, to the City of Charleston, shown within the area annexed upon a map attached hereto and make it part of District 9. The property is owned by Kevin Shealy.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Moody voted nay on Item #20b of the Ways and Means Report.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next, is our bills up for second reading, and there are a whole bunch of them."

Councilmember Wilson said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, "May I ask that we separate Item K-18 so I remain consistent from first reading?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're going to separate Item K-18. I'm not saying that we take all of them together, I'm just saying we've got a lot of them."

The Clerk said, "I have a lot of explaining to do."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I would think it would be safe for us to take K-1 through K-12 together. They're all zoning and annexation matters that have come before us before."

Councilmember White said, "So moved."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Did you have any special amendments on Items K-1 through K-12?"

The Clerk said, "No, Items K-1 through K-12 are okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we have a motion to take Items K-1 through K-12 together. Is there any discussion on any of those?"

No one asked to speak.

On a motion of Councilmember White, twelve (12) bills (Items K-1 through K-12) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Williams and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Gregorie, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

- 2017-097** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2210 WEEPOOLOW TRAIL (0.33 ACRE) (TMS# 353-12-00-005), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 2. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY STEPHEN & SHERI WENGER.

- 2017-098** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 2000 INDIAN MOUND TRAIL (0.34 ACRE) (TMS# 353-12-00-006), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 2. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JUDY G. MARKOWITZ LIVING TRUST.

- 2017-099** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1622 BOONE HALL DRIVE (0.34 ACRE) (TMS# 353-14-00-136), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 7. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY AMY BRUNSON.

- 2017-100** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1848 SANDCROFT DRIVE (0.28 ACRE) (TMS# 353-14-00-216), WEST ASHLEY, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 7. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY SC RENOVATION GROUP.

- 2017-101** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS PROPERTIES ON MAYBANK HIGHWAY AND ZELASKO DRIVE (20.858 ACRE) (TMS# 313-00-00-071; AND 313-00-00-072, 073, 231, 252, 332),

JOHNS ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 5. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ESTATE OF THOMAS S. MORRIS.

- 2017-102** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AS 3037 MAYBANK HIGHWAY (5.578 ACRE) (TMS# 313-00-00-075), JOHNS ISLAND, CHARLESTON COUNTY, TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SHOWN WITHIN THE AREA ANNEXED UPON A MAP ATTACHED HERETO AND MAKE IT PART OF DISTRICT 5. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY JULIAN & CONSTANCE KORNAHRENS.
- 2017-103** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT MEETING STREET AND ROMNEY STREET (PENINSULA) (0.522 ACRE) (TMS #463-12-02-054 THROUGH 463-12-02-061) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 4), BE REZONED FROM LIMITED BUSINESS (LB) CLASSIFICATION TO MIXED-USE/WORKFORCE HOUSING (MU-1/WH) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ROBINSON FAMILY ASSOCIATES LLC.
- 2017-104** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTY LOCATED ON BURRIS ROAD (WEST ASHLEY) (APPROXIMATELY 4.791 ACRES) (A PORTION OF TMS# 310-03-00-028) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7), BE REZONED FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY WEST ASHLEY TOWN CENTER 526 LLC.
- 2017-105** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTY LOCATED ON BURRIS ROAD (WEST ASHLEY) (APPROXIMATELY 5.308 ACRES) (A PORTION OF TMS# 310-03-00-029) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 7), BE REZONED FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION TO GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY WEST ASHLEY TOWN CENTER 526 LLC.
- 2017-106** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 2093 GREEN PARK AVENUE (WEST ASHLEY) (0.40 ACRE) (TMS #355-15-00-098) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON JULY 11, 2017 (#2017-079), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY LAURA A. BRADSHAW.
- 2017-107** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 1796 GUN CLUB ROAD (WEST ASHLEY) (0.34 ACRE) (TMS #354-03-00-052) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 2), ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON JULY 11, 2017 (#2017-077), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY RONALD AND VICTORIA ROTZKO.

2017-108 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT BENDER STREET (WEST ASHLEY) (0.13 ACRE) (TMS #418-07-00-018) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 3), BE ZONED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-2) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY THE CITY OF CHARLESTON.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now I thought we would take Item K-13 separately because, I think we approved this at our last meeting, the Planning Commission had recommended disapproval, so we do need ten votes for this matter to pass from the 13. So, let's take it separately, if we may. Do I hear a motion?"

Councilmember Moody said, "Move for approval of Item K-13."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion for approval of Item K-13, is there any discussion?"

Councilmember Wagner said, "I just wanted to remind you that this was the last opportunity to build, potentially, a medical complex, a visitor's center, or a golf center, where we can keep some of the golf on Johns Island. I think we had about 30 people that talked in favor of this, and I just wanted to remind you that it's the same item."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That's right."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Seekings.

Councilmember Seekings said, "I appreciate this. I've thought about this a lot since the last vote and because this is Councilmember Wagner's District I'm going to vote in favor of it, but we were sold a bill of goods on this one. There were some promises that are not part of the zoning that they were going to put certain things in there like medical offices and stuff. So, I just want to keep an eye on that. It's a very dense development on a road that is very densely populated and was almost impassable the last 48 hours. We're going to put a lot of offices and a lot of people on it. So, just a word to the wise, we are building large, large projects on small, small roads and this one is going to be a heavy burden."

Councilmember Wagner said, "I will tell you that Zelasko is a dirt road running through uninhabited roads."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Up the road which it dumps onto."

Councilmember Wagner said, "But, it's going to dump out onto Maybank and Cane Slash. So, Maybank/Cane Slash, ultimately, but right now it doesn't really matter what was on that road because Councilmember Williams and I rode out there and just about stuck a pretty good-sized Expedition in the ditch."

Councilmember Seekings said, "My point as to the two roads and now that we've changed the zoning that we do keep an eye on what we've been sold on this one and see what actually comes to fruition."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we just had second reading, we still need to have third reading and ratification."

The Clerk said, "We need to have third reading for Item K-13. We keep interrupting votes."

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, one (1) bill (Item K-13) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Wagner and third reading on motion of Councilmember Gregorie. On further motion of Councilmember Mitchell, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

2017-109 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT 3037 MAYBANK HIGHWAY AND ADJACENT PROPERTIES ON MAYBANK HIGHWAY AND ZELASKO DRIVE (JOHNS ISLAND) (26.436 ACRES) (TMS #313-00-00-075, 071, 072, 073, 231, 252 AND 332) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 5), BE ZONED BUSINESS PARK AND GENERAL OFFICE (BP AND GO) CLASSIFICATIONS. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY MULTIPLE OWNERS.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, Item K-14."

The Clerk said, "Can we do Items K-14 through K-18?"

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Through Item K-17, you mean?"

The Clerk said, "No."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Councilmember Wilson asked that we vote Item K-18 separately."

The Clerk said, "Okay. I'm looking at my notes. Items K-14 through K-17."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, we'll take Items K-14, K-15, K-16, and K-17 together. That was the amendment to the Stormwater Management System that, sometime ago, was recommended by Councilmember Waring. Then, as amended, changes to our operations for horse carriages in the City, the sale of the property to the Ports Authority on Daniel Island, and just some new regulations on our Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Is there any discussion on those four items?"

On a motion of Councilmember White, four (4) bills (Items K-14 through K-17) received second reading. They passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Seekings and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember Gregorie, the rules were suspended, and the bills were immediately ratified as:

2017-110 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON (STORMWATER MANAGEMENT & FLOOD CONTROL) BY ADDING TO SEC. 27-2 NEW DEFINITIONS GOVERNING REDEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, BY ADDING A NEW PART TO SEC. 27-3 GOVERNING REDEVELOPMENT, BY AMENDING SECTION 27-25 TO ADDRESS INTERIM REDEVELOPMENT STANDARD LIMITATIONS, AMENDING SECTION 27-28 TO ALLOW FOR INTERIM DESIGN STANDARDS DESCRIBED HEREIN EXCLUSIVE OF THE EXISTING STORMWATER DESIGN STANDARDS MANUAL, AND RENUMBERING THE REMAINING SECTIONS TO ACCOMMODATE THE ADDITION OF THE NEW SECTION 27-28 DESCRIBED HEREIN.

- 2017-111** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE V, SEC. 29-203 (9), (10), SEC. 29-206 (C), 29-208 (A), SEC. 29-208 (C) AND (C) (1), SEC. 29-210 (A), AND SEC. 29-210 (B) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON PERTAINING TO HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES, ZONES OF OPERATION FOR ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES USED FOR PURPOSES OF TOURING AND THE NUMBER OF MEDALLIONS TO BE ISSUED FOR EACH ZONE AND ADOPTING A MAP FOR ZONES OF OPERATION. **(AS AMENDED)**
- 2017-112** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 177, 178 AND 179, TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO AMEND THE COMMITTEE'S ROLE, AND TO CHANGE THE TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP. **(AS AMENDED)**
- 2017-113** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PORTS AUTHORITY PERTAINING TO LANDS OWNED BY THE CITY ON DANIEL ISLAND, MEASURING AND CONTAINING 45.976 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND DESIGNATED AS "PARCEL EE, PHASE 2" ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT BY SOUTHEASTERN SURVEYING, INC. ENTITLED "A SUBDIVISION PLAT OF A PORTION OF DANIEL ISLAND OWNED BY HARRY FRANK GUGGENHEIM FOUNDATION, DANIEL ISLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BERKELEY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA" RECORDED IN THE BERKELEY COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS IN PLAT CABINET M, PAGES 309-312, TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DEEDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CONSUMMATE THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Next, Item K-18, the matter of the rezoning on Brockman Drive. Do we have a motion for second reading?"

Councilmember Moody said, "Move for approval."

Councilmember Waring said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We have a motion and a second, is there any discussion?"

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wilson.

Councilmember Wilson said, "No."

On a motion of Councilmember Moody, one (1) bill (Item K-18) received second reading. It passed second reading on motion by Councilmember Waring and third reading on motion of Councilmember Mitchell. On further motion of Councilmember White, the rules were suspended, and the bill was immediately ratified as:

- 2017-114** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON BY CHANGING THE ZONE MAP, WHICH IS A PART THEREOF, SO THAT PROPERTY ON BROCKMAN DRIVE (JAMES ISLAND) (APPROXIMATELY 0.32 ACRE) (TMS #425-11-00-138, 425-11-00-264, 425-11-00-

265, 425-11-00-266 AND 425-11-00-296) (COUNCIL DISTRICT 12), BE REZONED FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (SR-1) CLASSIFICATION TO DIVERSE RESIDENTIAL (DR-1F) CLASSIFICATION. THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY 306 WEST INDIAN LLC.

The vote was not unanimous. Councilmember Wilson voted nay.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I think finally for second reading."

The Clerk said, "Items K-19 through K-21 are deferred."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Item K-20 is deferred."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Item K-19 is deferred as well?"

The Clerk said, "Items K-19, K-20, and K-21 are deferred."

Councilmember Waring said, "Not on our agenda."

The Clerk said, "Item K-19 is deferred, per the applicant's request, since the printing of the agenda."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Have we got that right?"

The Clerk said, "We were told that Item K-19 was deferred."

Mr. Lindsey said, "No my fault, Item K-19 must be deferred because if it moves forward without the first reading, which is the zoning of the property, then we would have an unzoned property annexed into the City."

The Clerk said, "But that's still deferred."

Mr. Lindsey said, "That is correct."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "But just not by the applicant."

Mr. Lindsey said, "Not by the applicant. It has to be deferred because we can't have an unzoned property."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Okay."

The Clerk said, "Item K-19 is deferred."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "By the City and so are Items K-20 and K-21. Now, Items K-22 and K-23 are ready to be withdrawn."

Councilmember White said, "Move for withdrawal."

The Clerk said, "Thank you, Councilmember White. Who is seconding the motion to withdraw?"

Councilmember Moody said, "Second."

The Clerk said, "Thank you, Councilmember Moody."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Moody, City Council voted to withdraw the following bills from the agenda:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by revising Section 54-220 (b) (1) (e) (15) pertaining to limits on the number of rooms in facilities; and by changing the map pertaining to the Accommodations Overlay Zone district in the Peninsula portion of the City in accordance with the maps attached to this ordinance. (WITHDRAWN)

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending Section 54-208.1 Bed and Breakfasts not located within the Old and Historic District, to clarify where Bed and Breakfasts are permitted in areas outside the Old and Historic District. (WITHDRAWN)

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Now, bills up for first reading. We have this Planned Unit Development on Johns Island."

The Clerk said, "Item L-1."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Do we have a presentation or do you want to make an explanation of what we have here since it's up for first reading?"

Councilmember Seekings said, "I think it was presented to us at the public hearing."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "It was presented at the public hearing."

Councilmember Seekings said, "It's that little small strip we want to annex into the road."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, I'll just ask if there is any discussion or questions about the matter?"

The Clerk said, "We need a motion."

Councilmember Gregorie said, "So moved."

Councilmember Riegel said, "Second."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I would just like to go on record again, as the purchasers of a PUD many a moon ago, this is an amendment to a PUD and the MD PUDs is tough business to get into. This one is minor, I think it actually fits in with the PUD but, if we adopt PUDs, we ought to make sure they're right and this has been around for a long time. So, I'm going to vote for it but, again, sort of a footnote on it that the MD PUDs is tough business."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "It's the final little piece of a very, very large PUD and it, basically, is going to enhance the 250 or so that we did previously approve. I think it's a good deal."

On a motion of Councilmember Gregorie, seconded by Councilmember Riegel, City Council voted to approve the following bill:

An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending the Stonoview Planned Unit Development (PUD) Master Plan and Development Guidelines for property located on River Road (approximately 240.68 acres) (TMS# 315-00-00-012, 047, 120 and 345-00-00073, 163 and a portion of 067) and by changing the Zone Map to include a portion of 2115 River Road (Johns Island) (approximately 6.13 acres) (TMS# 345-00-00-067) (Council District 5) as PUD classification.

The vote was not unanimous. Mayor Tecklenburg voted nay.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, next, if we could get a motion to withdraw Items L-2 through L-7."

The Clerk said, "Yes."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Motion to withdraw."

Councilmember Mitchell said, "I make a motion to withdraw Items L-2 through L-7."

Councilmember White said, "Second."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Is there any discussion?"

On a motion of Councilmember Mitchell, seconded by Councilmember White, City Council voted to withdraw the following bills from the agenda:

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 52 Line St (Peninsula) (approximately 0.90 acre) (right-of-way) (Council District 4), be rezoned from 55/30 Old City Height District classification to 100/30 Old City Height District Classification. The property is owned by Norfolk Southern Rail. (WITHDRAWN)

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that property located on Line St (Peninsula) (0.517 acre) (TMS #459-05-03-136) (Council District 4), be rezoned from 55/30 Old City Height district classification to 100/30 Old City Height district classification. The property is owned by Norfolk Southern Rail. (WITHDRAWN)

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 445 Meeting Street (Peninsula) (approximately 2.2 acres) (TMS #459-09-01-045) (Council District 4), be rezoned from General Business (GB)

classification to Planned Unit Development (PUD) classification. The property is owned by 445 Meeting Street Partners LLC. (WITHDRAWN)

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that 445 Meeting Street (Peninsula) (approximately 2.2 acres) (TMS #459-09-01-045) (Council District 4), be rezoned from the 80/30 and 55/30 Old City Height District classifications to the 100/30 Old City Height District classification. The property is owned by 445 Meeting Street Partners LLC. (WITHDRAWN)

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charleston by changing the Zone Map, which is a part thereof, so that portions of 573 Meeting Street and 35 Walnut Street (Peninsula) (approximately 1.76 acres) (portions of TMS # 463-16-04-022 and 463-16-04-035) (Council District 4), be rezoned from 55/30 Old City Height District classification to 80/30 Old City Height District classification. The property is owned by Charleston Interfaith Crisis Assistance Ministry. (WITHDRAWN)

*An ordinance to amend Chapter 54 of the Code of the City of Charleston (Zoning Ordinance) by amending Section 54-220 Accommodations Overlay Zone, by inserting language to preserve Mixed-Use Districts; prohibit the displacement of housing by accommodations and consider the effects of housing units to be altered or replaced on the housing stock and whether requirements to protect the affordability of the housing units should be attached to an accommodations special exception approval; prohibit the displacement or reduction of office space by accommodations to be located within areas on the Peninsula designated "A-1" on the Accommodations Overlay Zoning Map and on streets with office use as a predominant use; prohibit the displacement of more than 25 percent of ground floor, store front retail space by accommodations uses on streets with ground floor, store front retail as a dominant use; prohibit an overconcentration of accommodations units within areas on the Peninsula designated "A-1" on the Accommodations Overlay Zoning Map; amend revised Subsection B. 1. (g) by deleting wording regarding pedestrian activity and transit system usage and inserting language regarding the location and design of guest drop off and pick up areas; and amend revised Subsection B. 1. (h) 15 to require additional information on parking and public transit provisions for employees (**AS AMENDED**) (WITHDRAWN)*

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Our next meeting is going to be one of our away meetings, down the street, at the Gibbes Museum of Art on September 26th. If you all don't mind, I've still got to sign these while we're in session. I'm signing them as quickly as I can. Are there any further matters or discussion to come before City Council?"

Councilmember Waring said, "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We're still in session."

Councilmember Waring said, "I do have one request before we adjourn."

The Clerk said, "Okay."

Councilmember Wagner said, "Me too. I have one more comment."

Councilmember Seekings said, "I could speak while he's signing."

The Clerk said, "Well, in the right order would be Councilmember Waring, Councilmember Seekings, and Councilmember Wagner."

Councilmember Waring said, "Okay, I requested for the 75 percent rule for us to override the Planning Commission to be added to this agenda. Now, I understand why it wasn't added so, hopefully, it will be on the next agenda."

The Clerk said, "Okay."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Madam Clerk."

The Clerk said, "Alright. Councilmember Seekings."

Councilmember Seekings said, "Just very briefly, one of the things that wasn't mentioned in all of the things that happened over the course of the last 48 hours is while we were out there with our team, our Public Safety and Traffic and Transportation, not one but two water mains broke in the middle of downtown Charleston, one on Broad Street and one on East Bay Street and clipping two massive sinkholes. So, before we got a storm surge a water main broke the night before and CPW along with our staff fixed our water main, and water restored in advance of the storm. So, I just wanted to let you know."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "So, in addition to our own staff, the staff of Charleston Water Systems really jumped on the case."

Mayor Tecklenburg recognized Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Wagner said, "We haven't mentioned where we were on August 26th right before Harvey. We've been down in Mobile, Alabama watching the christening of the USS Charleston and we haven't mentioned that."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We'll come back to that at the next meeting."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I need to ask Mr. Lindsey to come to the microphone."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "Mr. Lindsey."

Councilmember Waring said, "I know it's been well over six months ago when we approved the zoning on the Coburg property for the apartment complex, for the senior citizens complex. We made a motion and it passed, a swimming pool not being included as greenspace, and we have not seen that come before us yet."

Mr. Lindsey said, "I'll have to go back and look that up, but I'll be happy to."

Councilmember Waring said, "To amend whatever we do to qualify as greenspace that a swimming pool should not, it was a farce. A swimming pool should not qualify when we calculate greenspace for a development."

Mr. Lindsey said, "Understood. I'll go back and look at it first thing tomorrow."

Councilmember Waring said, "Thank you."

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "That should be blue space. Alright. Is there any further business to come before us?"

No one asked to speak.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "We are hereby adjourned. Thank you very much.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Vanessa Turner Maybank
Clerk of Council